

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: [REDACTED] Concerns
Date: Monday, 15 April 2019 4:09:25 PM

Hi [REDACTED],

Please see email below regarding CSO [REDACTED] concerns for [REDACTED].

Would you please escalate a complaint in relation to lack of clothing provided to [REDACTED] Ms [REDACTED] reports that [REDACTED] has not been provided with any clothing (apart from the smock) since Thursday.

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, 15 April 2019 2:53 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

Subject: [REDACTED] Concerns

Hey,

I just spoke to [REDACTED] on the phone today and he reported to me that he does not have any clothing nor has had any since Thursday afternoon to put on due to his suicide risk. [REDACTED] reported that he only has a blanket to wrap around himself and that he is back in his cell block with his cell mates and that he is completely naked. [REDACTED] reported that he has the suicide smock that they have requested that he put on however he doesn't wish to put it on due to feelings of shame around this. I spoke to [REDACTED] from the Watch House and she explained that [REDACTED] advised staff on Saturday that he indicated suicide risk because he wanted to hurt himself because he was angry and wanted to go home.

[REDACTED] reported that while [REDACTED] remains in the watch house he will not have any access to any clothes due to his suicide risk and that QPS are very risk adverse. [REDACTED] reported that in most cases,

once someone is identified as a suicide risk and they require the "smock" they usually will not be taken out of this.

I have high concerns for [REDACTED] having to be in his cell block completely naked when he has been assessed by CYMH's and has been assessed with no acute mental health problems.

Is there anyone that you know at watch house that are with QPS that I would be able to address this concern with?

Thanks!

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]

Child Safety Officer

Ongoing Intervention Team

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PH: [REDACTED] | E [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: ESCALATION: URGENT [REDACTED] 19 days in Brisbane City Watchhouse
Date: Thursday, 18 April 2019 1:50:14 PM
Attachments: [RE YP 13 and under on WH List - anticipated transfer times and arrangements.msg](#)
[image001.png](#)
Importance: High

Hi [REDACTED]

RE: [REDACTED] - (DOB [REDACTED]) – Concerns regarding detainment in Brisbane City Watchhouse

I am seeking to follow up with you in relation to the current situation for [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. There has been recent communications between OPG and the Watchhouse Response Team (as attached) regarding the length of [REDACTED] stay at Brisbane City Watchhouse (BCWH). The OPG is aware that there are a number of young people who have been detained in excess of the current 19 days [REDACTED] has been held in the BCWH. The OPG is advised that [REDACTED] is listed as eighth awaiting a bed at Brisbane Youth Detention Centre (BYDC) (at most recent advice on 17/04/2019) although we are advised of limited movement for this cohort.

In summary:

- On 12/04/2019 the OPG requested an update (attached) regarding transfer time for a number of listed children 13 and under from the Brisbane City Watchhouse Response Team.
- On 17/04/2019 a response to this was provided noting in particular the only child on this list who remains in a Watchhouse is [REDACTED]. He remains at the BCWH as BYDC have deemed him unsuitable for consideration for an under 15 bed based on previous behaviour. He is currently eighth on the over 15s priority list.

OPG Concerns

The OPG is concerned that the current accommodation option is not suitable to meet [REDACTED] needs along with the concern that his transfer priority is impacted by behavioural factors considered by BYDC rather than risk factors presenting for [REDACTED] given his ongoing Watchhouse detainment.

Resolution Sought

I am seeking your urgent advice as to the progress and priority plan to transfer [REDACTED] to a youth detention centre, with particular regard to:

- Timeframes for transfer given [REDACTED] has now been in BCWH for 19 days.
- Additional support options including mental health support for [REDACTED] given his length of stay could be assessed as having extended outside the scope of what is considered temporary or acute.
- Action taken by Youth Justice to address the response from BYDC's decision to deem him unsuitable due to his behaviour, rather than consideration to his young age and commensurate needs.

Given the increasing urgency of [REDACTED] situation, if you could please provide me with a response at your earliest convenience or no later than COB 18/4/2019.

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

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